



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 28th October 2018

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

*We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today
If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders*

Monday 6.45–7.45pm: Prayer time in the Church

Tuesday 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline’s home
7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline’s home

Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
3.30–5.00pm: Messy Light Party in the Church
Fun, Celebration, Food, Arts & Crafts and Games

Friday 2.30–3.30pm: “Dave Time” In the Church Quiet Room
5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
5.45–7.00pm: *Alpha* in the Church Quiet Room

Next Sunday 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer meeting
10.00am: Tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans
7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:12 that “we wrestle” against the powers of darkness.

He urges us to put on “The whole Armour of God” (Ephesians 6:10-18) in our battle against the wiles of the devil and against spiritual hosts of wickedness. We use our sword, which is the word of God – we are not called Christian soldiers for nothing. Yes, God is ever-present but we are called to be “more than conquerors” (Romans 8:37) and you will have the power of the Holy Spirit Himself flowing and operating through you. My New King James Bible has a note that says this: *6:12 Not against flesh and blood: One of the church’s greatest demands is to discern between the spiritual struggle and other social, personal and political difficulties. Otherwise individual believers and groups become too easily detoured “wrestling” with human adversaries instead of prayerfully warring against the invisible works of hell behind the scenes.* In other words we may be focusing on the flaws in a person’s character and personality and not recognising that there is a spiritual influence that needs to be addressed. Christians have the armour available to do battle but non-Christians don’t and cannot discern the invisible spiritual realm – even Christians will not know how to use their armour unless they are taught.

People may refer to a war in heaven – well there is no war in heaven, there was once when Satan rebelled with some of the angels and was thrown out of heaven; it was then when he was thrown to earth that he tempted Eve with a forbidden fruit (Genesis 3). Both she and Adam disobeyed God and therefore Satan stole Adam’s authority to have dominion over the earth. **Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the**

devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8 NIV). So there is a war, Satan is at war with us but in a spiritual realm that is neither earth nor heaven – as Christians we are of this world but don’t belong to it. We are not yet in heaven but we have access to this spiritual realm where battles happen (non-Christians do not). The Bible talks about a third heaven, which is where Jesus lives (although God can be anywhere, any time, like a Time Lord) so because the Bible talks about a third heaven this infers there is a second heaven, which is what I am talking about. A realm a bit like Narnia in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. I have tried to make this as simple as possible but what I am saying is there is a whole lot more than just what we can see and to be strong, discerning Christians using our sword with the authority God gave us, we need to ask God to open our spiritual eyes, to have discernment and insight. We don’t need to fear, God who is in us is infinitely more powerful than any evil force. When the servant of Elisha the prophet was terrified at seeing the vast earthly army of the King of Syria, Elisha prayed, “Lord, open his eyes that he may see.” **When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh, my lord, what shall we do?” the servant asked. “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, “O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha (2 Kings 6:15-17 NIV).**

The horses and chariots he saw this time were spiritual, and this is precisely the Narnia type realm I am talking about. When I get to heaven I am looking forward to talking to C. S. Lewis.

Diary Dates

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2019: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Faith Forster & Ben Trigg

Saturday 3rd – 10th August 2019: Revive 2019 at Ashburnham Place – bookings open this Tuesday, 30th October